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Serial No. 09/554,599) Examiner: Kianni, Kaveh C.
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For: FIBER GRATING AND METHOD AND)
APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING)
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 20 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject
matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 21-23, 25, 27 and 38 as follows. Please note the claims
are presented below in their amended form. Furthermore, the claims are presented as
an attachment to the amendment where the amendments are shown using the
traditional technique of bracketing and underlining. Applicants have endeavored to
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